

OUR NOBLE SHIPS AT SEA

RUN THE DANGEROUS GAUNTLET OF THE GALE.

The Story of Destruction and Injury to Property that Comes Up From the Coast Towns and Watering Places, Etc.

NEW YORK, September 11.—The steamship California, from Hamburg, which arrived at the bar at 9 a. m., reports that, on September 9, she encountered a hurricane blowing from the west, shifting to the north, and working to the east and northeast. Off George's Banks it blew with terrific force from east-northeast, continuing to port. She arrived off the bar at 2 a. m., but could find no pilot boats nor station boats from which to take a pilot. About 7.30 a. m., the a. m., the steamer Ardanabound out hove in sight ready to discharge a pilot. Captain Buer decided to launch his after port life boat, manned by chief officer Knuth, and two seamen, and pick up the pilot. The difficult task was successfully accomplished, and the boat's crew started to pull for the California. A terrific sea was running at the time, and when getting under the stern of the California, an immense wave curled up over the steamer's quarter, capsizing the life boat. Life lines and preservers were instantly thrown overboard to the struggling men who were nearly exhausted, and in danger of being swept away by the gigantic seas. Fortunately, they all managed to get hold of the life lines, and were dragged on board. The life boat was lost.

The California sighted the Guion line steamer Wisconsin off the bar with her jack hoisted for a pilot. A full rigged German ship was also sighted standing off shore. The steamer Elmar, which arrived to-day from New Orleans, reports that she had fine weather to Cape Florida. On September 9, she encountered a hurricane from the north and northeast, with a very high easterly sea. She sustained no damage. She was detained outside twelve hours by thick weather.

SALISBURY, Md., September 11.—Reports of a starting character are coming in of the storm at Ocean City, Md., though the telegraph office there is unoccupied. The large columns supporting the porch at the hotels and cottages are washed away; doors and windows are broken; and furniture is floating about the beach.

The seas last night were breaking to the second story of the Atlantic hotel and Congress hall, and huge waves were running through the hotel six feet deep. The furniture is floating in the rooms. The dancing pavilion at the Atlantic hotel is damaged, and the several cottages and porches are blown away. There is not a vestige of the bath houses on the beach. The life saving station was damaged, and the crew were preparing to desert last night. A special train was sent over last night to rescue the dwellers on the beach. The work was accomplished by a large number of stout men joining hands and wading through the water waist deep. They brought the ladies to the cars one by one seated on their joined hands. In this way all were saved. It was a perilous undertaking, and several times the rescuers were knocked down. Mr. Stokes, one of the rescuing party, was washed out to sea, but an incoming wave threw him back towards the beach, and he was saved. The last occupants of the beach who left last night expected that the cottages and portions of the hotels would be washed away. The damage amounts to thousands of dollars.

LEWES, Del., September 11.—A ship is ashore on the point of the cape. Her masts are cut away. She is supposed to be the Wm. R. Grace from Havre for Philadelphia. It is expected that a boat will reach here. The vessels known to be ashore are the bark Salvator; the brig Richard T. Green; the schooner Addie B. Bacon, S. A. Rudolph, Mima A. Reed, Emily R. Dyer, J. D. Robinson, Major Wm. H. Tatum, Charles P. Stickney, Henry M. Clark, Allen, George, J. F. Hecker, Byron M. Moreau, Gertrude Summers, David Seward, A. and E. Hooper; the barge Timour and the pilot boat Bayard. The schooner Kate E. Morse, Walter F. Parker and J. L. Bryan sank at the fourteen foot bank. The masts of the bark Atlanta (Danish), from Hamburg for Philadelphia, and the schooner Nettie Champion are ashore below the iron pier.

At 3.30 p. m. the storm is still raging. The sea is up to the town and everything on the beach is submerged.

PHILADELPHIA, September 11.—The following was received by a messenger this afternoon from the Associated Press correspondent at Cape May: "What has proved to be the greatest storm at Cape May for thirteen years, has about finished its destructions. The damage to Cape May City will not exceed \$1,000. At Mr. Vernon's settlement, the east works, the boardwalk and beach drive are in a dilapidated condition; \$30,000 will not repair the damage. At Cape May Point \$50,000 will not be sufficient to put back what the tides took away yesterday and last night. The whole beach drive, from, as also, the steamboat landing, Carlton Hall is chopped in two. About 300 feet of the board walk, west of the Grant street station was broken away last night. The railways along the beach are all out of order, and cannot be operated for a week, making everything in general, the damage is light."

Grave fears are entertained for Holly Beach and Angelen, those towns being built on very flat sands. The seas were so very heavy and high yesterday that the crews of the life saving stations No. 39 and 40 considered it advisable to abandon their buildings. The crew of No. 39 station removed their apparatus to the Stockton hotel lawn, and No. 40 are quartered in the Mineral Springs hotel. All communication by railroad and telegraph between this city and Atlantic City, and points north of there, on the Atlantic coast, is still cut off, and nothing definite can be learned as to when news can be obtained of the condition of affairs at Atlantic City, Sea Isle City, Barnegat Beach, Haven Sea Side Park, and other coast resorts.

The nearest points to Atlantic City from which news has been received to-day are Pleasantville and Somers' Point, both distant about five miles. The West Jersey railroad track between Pleasantville and Atlantic City is entirely covered by water, and it is feared that much of it has been washed away. The Camden and Atlantic and Reading railroads are in the same condition.

News was received at two o'clock from Pleasantville to the effect, that the storm is as bad to-day as it has been at any time since Sunday, and there are no indications of its abatement. Communication

CHICAGO REVIEW.

Business Yesterday's Session.

CHICAGO, September 11.—There was a stubbornly firm market, with a slight range to-day. The bulk of the trading up to noon in December was around 78 1/2¢ to 79¢, or 1/2¢ above yesterday's closing quotation for that future. The opening range was from 78 1/2¢ to 79¢. The initial sales of December were at 78 1/2¢. A little later the price was 78 3/4¢, and after five reaction it climbed back to that figure again. So far as publicables were concerned they told of nothing but quiet markets on the other side at unchanged prices. Private cables were positively bullish, and a rule the security of No. 2 wheat both in and out of elevators is beginning to attract general attention, and without doubt is a mild deterrent at present to free short selling. This and the government crop report was what gave the market back to-day. The last crop bulletin indicated an aggregate yield of 485,000,000 bushels, or 5,000,000 less than the August report. These figures on wheat are final until the government survey of the situation in January. Another strong feature of the market to-day was the excellent consumption demand. There were not only several export orders here, but Ohio millers were buying both spot and futures. One foreign buying order for No. 2 red wheat could not be filled, so little of that grade was offered. The best prices of the day were realized just before the close, the last quotation being 79 1/2¢ at the top. Based on yesterday's closing there was a net gain of 1/2¢.

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MORGANTON MURDERERS

TAKEN FROM JAIL BY A MOB OF MASKED MEN

And Hanged From a Bridge Within Sight of the Town—Franklin Stack and David Boone the Victims—A Great Sensation.

The sun had scarcely risen above the eastern hills of Morganton when passenger train No. 50 over the Western North Carolina road dashed into the station yesterday morning. The mist and fog was hanging heavily over the place and a larger number of people were astir than is usually the case about the quiet little town, forty miles to the eastward of here. Something had happened, or was about to happen, and passengers on the train who occupied the regular coaches were soon destined to behold a sight that would cause the vessel blood to run cold in their veins.

Only a few minutes' stop is made at Morganton by trains, and passengers destined for other stations seldom get out there. The people they saw scattered about in groups of three and a half dozen, here and there, were engaged in low and earnest conversation, and a general air of solemn mystery seemed to envelop the entire surroundings. No questions were asked by the passengers nor was there any information volunteered by the villagers of the terrible punishment that had been visited upon two desperate criminals in the darkest hours of the early morning. A fearful, violent drama had been enacted at Morganton and masked men, resolute and determined, had been the only spectators of the awful scenes.

As the train pulled out the whistle's long and piercing blast reverberated among the distant hills with weird and peculiar intonation, and as the echoes died away, the railroad bridge was reached, and here it was, in the still hours of dead and quiet night, Frank Stack and David Boone had fearfully expiated the atrocious crimes which soon they would have had to answer for in open courts of justice and organized law. Judge Lynch and his jury had sat upon their cases, and the verdict had been executed. A short trial and a short shrift; a moment for prayer, and a drop into eternity; a few convulsive jerks and tremors, and all was over.

Suspended from ropes attached to the timbers of the bridge, the bodies of the two wretches who had reddened deep their hands with the blood of their fellow men, were moving slowly to and fro in the gentle morning breeze. Their features were terribly distorted, their tongues protruded; the blood had left their lips and in their eyes were forming little lakes of red. Their hands and legs were tightly bound, and the rope about their necks seemed to have shared in the violence of those who tied its noose, for deep were the cuts it had made in each of the murderers' throats. They presented a horrible and sickening spectacle, and no wonder was it that those aboard the train who beheld the awful scene shuddered and turned pale at what they saw.

An hour or two later the bodies were cut down by order of the coroner and removed to the hotel piazza in Morganton where an inquest was held. The verdict was the same that one has long since become accustomed to look for in connection with similar cases to the above—"came to their death at the hands of parties to the jurors unknown" in effect, "somebody did it but we don't know who, and we can't take the time or trouble to find out."

The mob that lynched the two miscreants numbered about one hundred and fifty men, all heavily masked and disguised. The jail, which had previously been strongly guarded, was broken into the locks torn from the iron cage, and Stack and Boone gagged and led out into the jail yard. The jailer, who was alone, was also gagged and bound, and locked in a cell where he could not possibly give the alarm. After this had been accomplished the masked men and their victims went to the railway bridge, where, after fastening the ropes about their necks, Stack and Boone were given five minutes each to pray. The wretches prayed loudly and fervently, calling upon the Almighty to receive their souls; that they died believing in Him and His forgiveness.

"Time's up," said the leader of the lynchers, as the five minutes elapsed, and in another instant both murderers were swinging between heaven and earth. Their gyrations and contortions were frightful, but did not last longer than four minutes. Neither Stack or Boone's neck was broken, both dying from strangulation. After fully satisfying themselves that both of their victims were surely dead, the lynchers disbanded leaving the bodies swinging from the bridge where the passengers on the early morning train saw them yesterday.

Stack and Boone were taken from the jail between two and three o'clock in the morning. The crimes for which the miserable creatures met with such a violent end yesterday was murder in both cases. On August 10, Robert Parker, a student at Rutherford college, was shot down in his own garden and killed by Franklin Stack, who had been lurking in the vicinity several days awaiting an opportunity to carry out his devilish design. After assassinating Parker Stack fled. Bloodhounds belonging to D. G. Maxwell, Esq., of Charlotte, were sent for with which to track the murderer. They were not sent, however, and about two weeks since Stack was captured in South Carolina and delivered over to the

Barber sheriff. Several years ago Parker killed Stack's brother in self defence, in a quarrel in Steele Creek township, Mecklenburg county. Parker was tried for murder and acquitted in the courts, and from that day to the hour he met his death he has been shadowed by Stack, who swore he would kill him the first opportunity he had. Parker went to Texas; Stack followed him there. He came back to Mecklenburg and it was not long before Stack turned up in that section. Then Parker came to Connelly Springs, ostensibly to attend school at Rutherford college, but really to elude Stack whom he knew to be hunting him; and it was here, as we have related, he came to his death in so brutal and cowardly a manner. Stack was white.

David Boone, the other victim of Lynch law, was the negro who also shot and killed a prominent young farmer of Burke county, in the row among drunken toughs at the Tabernacle meeting, near Connelly Springs, about three weeks ago. The deed was unprovoked, and the farmer was unarmed when assaulted. Boone escaped, but was captured a few days later and locked up in Morganton jail to await trial at the next term of the superior court of Burke county. He was a notoriously bad character, and public opinion was strongly against him and Stack.

About a week since an attempt was made to lynch the murderers, but the jail was strongly guarded and the mob gave up the job. Yesterday morning, however, there was no one at the jail save the jailer and the lynchers had an easy task to secure their victims.

The people of Morganton, it is reported, propose to ferret out the lynchers, and punish them according to law. There has not been a legal hanging in Burke county during the past thirty years, and even the oldest inhabitant of that county fails to remember when a lynching, similar to that of yesterday morning, has occurred.

RANDOM NOTES

Roped In by Rambling Reporters Roaming Round the City.

Twenty-five dollars in fines were collected in the police court yesterday.

The destruction of the old Hilliard residence, on South Main street, has about been completed.

A. Y. M. C. A. has been organized at Skyland Springs with eighteen active and associate members.